

House Study Bill 118

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TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for specially designed motor vehicle
2 registration plates to be issued for municipal police
3 vehicles.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1949HC 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.19, subsection 1, unnumbered
1 2 paragraph 2, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 The department shall furnish, on application, free of
1 4 charge, distinguishing plates for vehicles thus exempted,
1 5 which plates except plates on state patrol vehicles shall bear
1 6 the word "official" and the department shall keep a separate
1 7 record. Registration plates issued for state patrol vehicles,
1 8 except unmarked patrol vehicles, shall bear two red stars on a
1 9 yellow background, one before and one following the
1 10 registration number on the plate, which registration number
1 11 shall be the officer's badge number. Registration plates
1 12 issued for county sheriff's patrol vehicles shall display one
1 13 seven-pointed gold star followed by the letter "S" and the
1 14 call number of the vehicle. Registration plates issued for
1 15 municipal police vehicles shall display one gold police shield
1 16 followed by the initials of the police department and the call
1 17 number of the vehicle. However, the director of the
1 18 department of administrative services or the director of
1 19 transportation may order the issuance of regular registration
1 20 plates for any exempted vehicle used by peace officers in the
1 21 enforcement of the law, persons enforcing chapter 124 and
1 22 other laws relating to controlled substances, persons in the
1 23 department of justice, the alcoholic beverages division of the
1 24 department of commerce, disease investigators of the Iowa
1 25 department of public health, the department of inspections and
1 26 appeals, and the department of revenue, who are regularly
1 27 assigned to conduct investigations which cannot reasonably be
1 28 conducted with a vehicle displaying "official" state
1 29 registration plates, persons in the Iowa lottery authority
1 30 whose regularly assigned duties relating to security or the
1 31 carrying of lottery tickets cannot reasonably be conducted
1 32 with a vehicle displaying "official" registration plates,
1 33 persons in the department of economic development who are
1 34 regularly assigned duties relating to existing industry
1 35 expansion or business attraction, and mental health
2 1 professionals or health care professionals who provide
2 2 off-site or in-home medical or mental health services to
2 3 clients of publicly funded programs. For purposes of sale of
2 4 exempted vehicles, the exempted governmental body, upon the
2 5 sale of the exempted vehicle, may issue for in-transit
2 6 purposes a pasteboard card bearing the words "Vehicle in
2 7 Transit", the name of the official body from which the vehicle
2 8 was purchased, together with the date of the purchase plainly
2 9 marked in at least one-inch letters, and other information
2 10 required by the department. The in-transit card is valid for
2 11 use only within forty-eight hours after the purchase date as
2 12 indicated on the bill of sale which shall be carried by the
2 13 driver.

EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill requires the department of transportation to
2 15 design and issue special registration plates for municipal
2 16 police vehicles. The plates are to display a gold police

2 18 shield followed by the initials of the police department and
2 19 the call number of the vehicle (e.g., ICPD 401, CRPD 401, or
2 20 DPD 401).
2 21 The new requirements would provide city police vehicles
2 22 with distinguishing registration plates that are different
2 23 than but comparable to the plates currently issued for state
2 24 patrol vehicles and county law enforcement vehicles.
2 25 LSB 1949HC 83
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